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TAGS: EAGR, JA, OVIP

SUBJECT: MIN. NAKAGAWA VISIT

1. IN LENGTHY PRESS INTERVIEW THIS WEEK, MIN. NAKAGAWA WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD PROPOSE EXTENSION OR REVISION IN THE BILATERAL SUPPLY/PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR GRAINS DURING HIS UPCOMING WASHINGTON TALKS. HE RESPONDED QUOTE GRAINS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF THE NATION. IN THE CASE OF AN IMPORTER NATION LIKE JAPAN, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO STUDY HOW TO SECURE THE STABILIZED SUPPLY OF GRAINS. THE U.S. SEEMS TO BE PREPARED TO "PROBE THE POSSIBILITY OF KEEPING THE AGREEMENT IN FORCE, IF THIS AGREEMENT IS USEFUL FOR THE JAPANESE SIDE." JAPAN HOLDS, HOWEVER, THAT THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONTINUED "IF IT IS USEFUL FOR BOTH SIDES." FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THIS AGREEMENT, SOME DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE DETERMINATION OF IMPORT QUANTITIES, MUST BE SOLVED. THERE WILL BE NO ALTERNATIVE FOR US BUT TO STUDY WHETHER TO CONTINUE THE AGREEMENT IN THE COURSE OF THE COMING NEGOTIATIONS." END QUOTE.

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2. COMMENT: THERE IS NO CONSENSUS IN MAFF AT THE MOMENT ON EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRED JUNE 30, 1978. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT THE GOJ MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN RENEWING THE SOYBEAN AND FEEDGRAIN PORTIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SOME INCREASE IN QUANTITIES. HOWEVER, THE WHEAT PORTION, PARTICULARLY ANY INCREASE FROM LEVELS IN THE OLD AGREEMENT WOULD GIVE MAFF PROBLEMS AND THE ODDS ARE

THAT NAKAGAWA WILL NOT RAISE SUBJECT OF AGREEMENT WHILE
IN WASHINGTON. MANSFIELD

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